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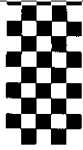
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I am sick and tired of self-interest groups like the RIAA and MPAA dictating what we can and cannot do with products and services we pay for with our hard earned money. Please help us to prevent the passage of legislation that will impose such restrictive and unfair limits on our rights to enjoy what we see and listen to. Thank you.

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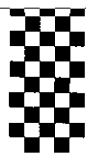
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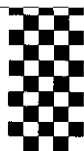
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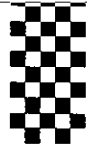
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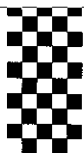
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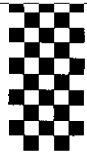
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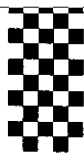
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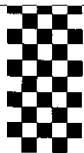
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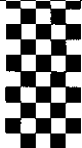
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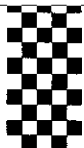
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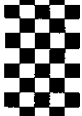
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